



**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 2**

September 11, 2018

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Robert Law, Ph.D.  
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Clinton, New Jersey 08809

Re: Revised 2009 Fish and Blue Crab Tissue Chemistry Data for the Lower Passaic River Study Area

Dear Dr. Law:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Lower Passaic River Restoration Project, Lower Passaic River Study Area RI/FS, revised 2009 Fish and Blue Crab Tissue Chemistry Data for the Lower Passaic River Study Area, dated November 23, 2015, prepared by Windward Environmental LLC on behalf of the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG).

EPA approves the responses to comments received on January 10, 2014 and the revised report submitted to EPA on November 23, 2015. All comments were addressed with the exception of comment 15, see below. Please address the comment and finalize the report in accordance with Section X, Paragraph 44(a) of the Agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Diane Salkie", is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

Diane Salkie, Remedial Project Manager  
Lower Passaic River Study Area RI/FS

Cc: Zizila, F. (EPA)  
Sivak, M. (EPA)  
Hyatt, B. (CPG)  
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No	Section	Comment	Response	EPA Response
15	Page 270, Section 5.6 SVOCs	It is recommended that text be included in this section discussing the high detection limits which resulted in only two compounds being detected in all samples.	Text has been added to Section 4.6 to discuss the high detection limits.	Addressed. Response should reference Section 5.6 as it has been updated.